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Defense Environmental Network and Information Exchange (DENIX)

Description

DENIX is an electronic environmental bulletin board accessible throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) that gives DoD environmental, safety, and occupational health managers a central communications platform to gain timely access to vital environmental information.

DENIX became available on the Web to the (DoD) DENIX user community in May 1995. DENIX was reconfigured in November 1996 to accommodate PUBLIC, STATE, and INTERNATIONAL information areas on DENIX. The general public may access the PUBLIC area. State DENIX users may access the STATE and PUBLIC areas. International users may access the INTERNATIONAL and PUBLIC areas. The Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) coordinates user access with the Environmental Information Technology Management (EITM) Program Office. The Army (EITM) is now the executive agent for the DENIX program.

Capabilities

DENIX, which is based on the Army's Defense Environmental Electronic Bulletin Board System, has been online since August 1993, giving users the ability to:

- read online environmental publications (proprietary or DoD-specific)
- send/receive mail electronically on the DENIX host computer or across the Internet
- exchange environmental information via managed discussion forums based on a subject area
- send and receive required reporting data through the chain of command
- peruse and request environmental training courses and seminars
- access the DENIX directory service data base
- upload and download files from DENIX to and from a personal computer.

Supporting Technology

On the Web (<http://www.denix.osd.mil>), DENIX resides on a host computer at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. CERL handles login requests and provides online assistance.

Benefits/Savings

DENIX provides DoD environmental, safety, and occupational health managers with a central communications platform from which to obtain timely access to environmental legislative, compliance, restoration, cleanup, and DoD unique information. Easy access to this information will help these managers ensure compliance, avoiding costly fines and protecting DoD's training and operating missions. DENIX also offers DoD users electronic access to proprietary subscriptions (periodicals and datasets).

Success Stories

During its first month of operation (August 1993), more than 425 different users participated. In 2001, over 9,300 DoD environmental managers accessed DENIX. In October 2001, it handled over 2,800 users with DENIX accounts and over 20,000 public users.



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